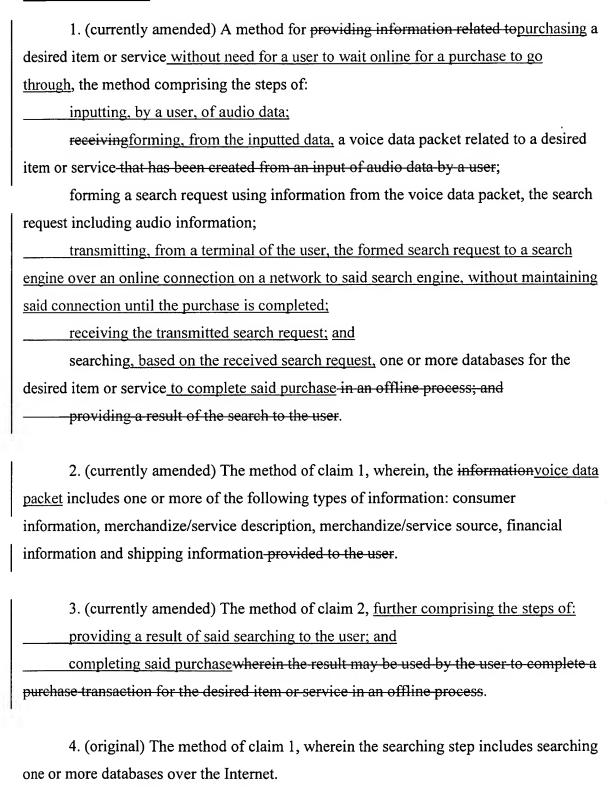
## IN THE CLAIMS:



5. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein thesaid purchase

transaction is comprises a credit or debit card transaction.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of verifying the user's identity using a voice authentication process.

7. (currently amended) A system for performing a commercial transaction,
without requiring a consumer to wait online for the transaction to be completed,
comprising:
a terminal of the consumer comprising:
an input interface configured eapable of to be operable by said consumer
for receiving audio data related to a usersaid consumer and a desiredan item or service
desired for purchase, and configured to createereating a voice data packet from the audio
data; and
a processor eapable of configured for forming a search request based upon
the audio datainformation from the audiovoice data packet in an offline process, and for
transmitting the <u>formed</u> search request to a search engine <u>over an online connection on</u>
said network to the search engine, wherein said connection need not be maintained for
said purchase to be completed, receiving a search result, and providing a result indication
to the user; and
said search engine on a server for completing said purchasea user interface
capable of receiving an authorization from the user to perchance the desired item or
service.

- 8. (canceled)
- 9. (original) The system of Claim 7, further comprising an interactive voice response unit.
- 10. (currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein said processor includes a voice browser-to transmit the audio-data packet.

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- 11. (currently amended) The system of Claim 7, wherein the said search engine is configured to search searches predefined databases and the Internet, said system including another search engine configured to search a predefined database not on the Internet, said system being configured to provide said search request to both search engines.
- 12. (currently amended) The system of Claim 78, further comprising voice authentication means to verify the identity of said consumer if said input interface receives if the user using the audio data.
- 13. (original) The system of Claim 7, further comprising an audio-to-text unit, wherein at least a portion of the search request includes electronic text data.
- 14. (original) The system of Claim 7, further comprising a result indication formatter that formats the search results in a predetermined order.
  - 15. 16. (canceled)
- 17. (currently amended) The system of Claim 157, wherein the search engine is configured to searchmeans for searching includes searching for product or service comparison information to provide the user an optimum search result in accordance with the audio data.
  - 18. 19. (canceled)
- 20. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said online connection comprises a communication channel from said terminal to a server.
- 21. (new) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of establishing said channel in preparation for said transmitting.

- 22. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein said server comprises said search engine.
- 23. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein said online connection is said communication channel.
- 24. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said user is an end-user of a system on which said method is implemented.
  - 25. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said user is a consumer.
- 26. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said terminal is a web-enabled television.